

## REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 3 has been amended to be in a generic or sub-generic form with new dependent claims 21 and 22 being presented as dependent upon claim 3 and reciting the features as originally presented in claims 3 and 4, respectively.

Turning to the requirement for election of a single disclosed species of the alleged patentably distinct species of the invention identified as species (a): a liquid crystal display (LCD) device in which each conductive layer is electrically connected to a video signal line at 1 point by way of a contact hole (claims 3 and 6) and species (b): a LCD device in which each conductive layer is electrically connected to a video signal line at 2 or more points by way of a contact hole (claims 3 and 6), the requirement for election of species is not understood in light of the Examiner's indication that claims 3 and 6 recite the features of species (a) and species (b). In light of this indication by the Examiner, it is apparent that the species requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has indicated that currently, claims 1 and 5 are generic, and applicants submit that by the present amendment, claim 3, as amended, is also a generic or sub-generic claim. As recognized by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic or sub-generic claim, claims directed to additional species should be considered. Since the Examiner has not rejected the generic or sub-generic claim, applicants submit that such claims are allowable and therefore, the requirement for election of species should be withdrawn.

In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, species (a) including generic or sub-generic claims of at least claims 1, 3 and 5, as well as dependent claims 2, 6 and

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For the foregoing reasons, applicants request withdrawal of the election requirement and favorable action with respect to all claims present in this application.

Additionally, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the documents submitted are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.42842X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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